

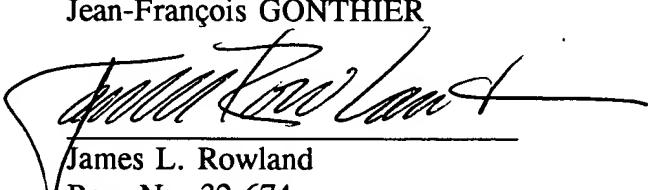
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15. A binding according to claim 14, further comprising a rear arch for supporting a rear of the boot, said rear arch connecting said first and second lateral flanges, wherein a length of each of said at least one linkage is constructed and arranged so that, when said each of said at least one linkage is forwardly positioned, each of said at least one linkage extends around a front of the boot when the boot is supported on said base plate and in contact with said rear arch.
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16. A binding according to claim 15, wherein said at least one linkage includes a front linkage having a length within a range of about 25 to 50 centimeters.
17. A binding according to claim 15, wherein said at least one linkage includes a rear linkage having a length within a range of about 45 to 85 centimeters. --

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendment above, claims 1-17 will be pending, claim 1 being independent.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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